



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450,000 head on May 1, 2014, 5 percent lower than last month, and 9 percent lower than May 2013. During April, placements of 57,000 head were 8 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 67,000 thousand head were 37 percent above April 2013. Other disappearance totaled 15,000 head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.64 million, 5 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.55 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 255,000, 700-799 pounds were 396,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent below 2013. Marketings for April are the lowest for the month since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 20 percent above 2013.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000* CATTLE FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES							
State	Number On Feed April 1 1/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	278	277	100	26	26	28	25
California	485	475	98	62	57	49	67
Colorado	980	970	99	140	130	150	130
Idaho	215	210	98	33	32	36	26
Iowa	630	670	106	89	69	97	76
Kansas	2,100	2,090	100	335	325	350	385
Minnesota	133	136	102	16	16	18	13
Nebraska	2,430	2,500	103	440	420	460	415
Oklahoma	305	275	90	51	43	60	62
South Dakota	230	240	104	26	28	30	30
Texas	2,580	2,500	97	435	420	460	480
Washington	233	210	90	26	35	35	36
Other States	325	320	98	41	35	42	33
UNITED STATES	10,924	10,873	100	1,720	1,636	1,815	1,778
State	Other Disappearance During April 2/			Number On Feed May 1 1/		2014	
	2013	2014		2013	2014	2013	
	1,000 Head				Percent		
Arizona	1	1		275	277	101	
California	3	15		495	450	91	
Colorado	10	10		960	960	100	
Idaho	2	1		210	215	102	
Iowa	2	3		620	660	106	
Kansas	15	20		2,070	2,010	97	
Minnesota	1	1		130	138	106	
Nebraska	10	15		2,400	2,490	104	
Oklahoma	1	1		295	255	86	
South Dakota	1	3		225	235	104	
Texas	15	10		2,540	2,430	96	
Washington	4	1		220	208	95	
Other States	4	2		320	320	100	
UNITED STATES	69	83		10,760	10,648	99	

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.68 billion pounds of milk in April 2014. This was 3 percent below March 2014, and 2 percent above April 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,065 pounds, 75 pounds less than March 2014.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts 5/		United States 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/				Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,780	1,781	1,945	2,030	3,462	3,615	3,461	3,623	8,497	8,512	1,881	1,902	15,985	16,186
Feb.	1,780	1,780	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,400	3,225	3,396	8,498	8,513	1,732	1,750	14,715	14,899
Mar.	6/	1,781	6/	2,140	3,676	3,811	3,670	3,806	6/	8,521	6/	1,958	16,501	16,687
Apr.	6/	1,781	6/	2,065	3,622	3,678	3,617		6/	8,531	6/	1,911	16,105	16,305
May	6/		6/		3,720		3,718		6/		6/		16,648	
June	6/		6/		3,486		3,485		6/		6/		15,860	
July	6/		6/		3,375		3,371		8,522		1,850		15,762	
Aug.	1,780		1,910		3,400		3,396		8,522		1,850		15,768	
Sept.	1,781		1,795		3,197		3,196		8,508		1,748		14,874	
Oct.	1,781		1,875		3,339		3,335		8,504		1,817		15,449	
Nov.	1,781		1,840		3,277		3,275		8,499		1,765		15,002	
Dec.	1,781		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,504		1,851		15,741	

1/ Revised 2013 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow was suspended for the months indicated; milk production totals were based on administrative data.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		April 2013	March 2014	April 15, 2014	April 2013	March 2014	April 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	61.80	81.90	91.60
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	82.40	102.00	104.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	127.00	150.00	151.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	159.00	216.00	220.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	(NA)	---	1,800	(NA)	(NA)	1,810
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.23	23.81	23.80	19.50	25.20	25.50

(NA) Not available

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	200.00	215.00	225.00	190.00	210.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	205.00	240.00	260.00	178.00	200.00	200.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	195.00	200.00	145.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	202.00	229.00	229.00	175.00	217.00	217.00
Oregon	Tons	231.00	225.00	220.00	211.00	180.00	220.00
Utah	Tons	183.00	175.00	170.00	148.00	140.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	213.00	191.00	206.00	157.00	137.00	151.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION 2/		UNITED STATES	
		March 2013	March 2014	March 2013	March 2014
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	34.10	35.00	31.20	32.10
Bran	Cwt.	32.60	33.40	29.70	30.70
Corn Meal	Cwt.	24.90	25.40	22.30	23.00
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	38.10	39.60	31.40	32.90
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	564.00	586.00	481.00	502.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	40.50	42.20	32.50	34.10

1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes, and method of sale.

2/ Includes California, Oregon, and Washington.

PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2014 totaled 138.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent lower than the previous month, and 4 percent lower than April 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in

California was 1,295 pounds, calves 102 pounds, sheep & lambs 145 pounds, and hogs 249 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat was produced in April 2014, and 700,000 pounds was produced in Hawaii.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.98 billion pounds in April, down 3 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2013.

head, down 5 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 5 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up 13 percent from April 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,000 head, 15 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 8.4 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,700 head, down 17 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 294 pounds.

January to April 2014 commercial red meat production was 15.7 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.85 million

April 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 2013-14 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	145.4	137.5	188,299	177,066	1,304	1,295
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	913	946	1,123	1,107
Nevada	0.1	0.1	101	108	970	932
U.S.	2,731.1	2,594.8	3,530,707	3,381,236	1,296	1,306
CALVES						
California	15.4	10.2	1,628	1,029	106	102
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S.	58.7	48.7	15,539	14,239	266	294
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	27.3	26.6	3,861	3,862	141	145
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	8	120	131
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
U.S.	191.8	221.0	26,897	30,239	140	137
HOGS						
California	191.3	190.1	46,506	47,233	243	249
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	271	253	249	234
Nevada	0.1	0.1	24	15	257	248
U.S.	9,358.3	8,855.0	2,591,911	2,541,711	277	287
RED MEAT	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	Apr 14 Apr 13	Apr 14 Mar 14	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	144.0	142.8	138.7	96	97	
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.7	103	(Y)	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	96	(Y)	
U.S.	4,091.9	3,814.8	3,976.9	97	104	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013	2014
	1,000 Tons					
California	1,640	1,900	1,900	240	320	140
Arizona	250	240	200	35	35	35
Nevada	830	650	650	238	140	45
Oregon	2,200	1,700	1,700	275	230	210
Utah	1,420	900	1,250	350	230	300
UNITED STATES	90,726	76,547	89,304	21,381	14,156	19,176